WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 3, 1888.

RIPON AND MORLEY IN ERIN.

THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION PER-PLEXES THE TORY PRESS.

The Ponderous Editors in a Quandary and Find It Difficult to Explain the Cordiality of Irishmen Towards Their

LONDON, Feb. 2.-The tory press appears to be in a sad quandary just at present over the magnitude of the reception which Lord Ripon and Mr. John Morley are receiving in Ireland. Whether to rise up in righteous wrath and denounce the whole affair, or to preserve a tremendous dignity by a portentious silence is evidently the question perplexing them. The Times chooses the latter course, and maintains an editorial silence, after recording the event in its silence, after recording the event in its news columns. Some of its contemporaries, however, are endeavoring to throw contempt upon the liberals visit to Ireland, and accuse the Rower, "Attack of the Bond who are taking part in the reception of inconsistency, and enceringly inquire how they can reconcile a fellowahip with Morley, who is notorious for his opinions in matters relating to the teachings of their church. The Morning Prot accuses the bishops of "swallowing Free-thinker Morley," and dubs the union "a singularly unholy alliance." The committee appointed to arrange for the projected reception to Mesars. Sullivan and O'Brien on their arrival in London had not succeeded at a late hour to-day in obtaining a hall for the purpose. They have met with refusals thus far at every place they have applied. The only concession they seem able to obtain is from the manager of the Aquarium, who says that he will let the hall for a banquet, but not for a meas meeting. It is possible that the committee will compromise matters with the Aquarium people, and call the reception a banquet. William O'Brien has again written from his resting place on the continent, the location of which only a few of his friends know. He writes that he is better and very comfortably situated.

Upon the opening of parliament the bankruptcy of Mesars. James and William MacMaster, commission merchants, doing business in London and Toronto, Canada, will be formally announced.

The attempt made to day to swindle the Bank of England out of £30,000 byseneans of orged bonds of the Hamilton and Northwestern Railroad of Canada, proves to be a complicated case. It appears that one of the bonds of the road for a price above its real value, and it is supposed that this single bond was obtained for the purpose of forging others. When the police to-day arrested five of the gang they seized a lin box, which they expected contained the other bonds, but, upon opening it, it was found to be empty. It was suspected that to-day's move was simply a reconnoiter, and news columns. Some of its contem-

Smith intends to sign articles at the Sporting Life office to fight Sullivan for £1,000 in May or June. It is not probable that Sullivan will agree.

Gambling at Monte Carlo has fallen off and a special saloon for the poor with stakes at 2 instead of 5 francs will be ground.

opened.
A warrant for the arrest of Father Fay, of Woodford, has been issued.
Count Tolstoi, Russian minister of the interior, proposes the abolition of the sematives, which would remove the most important memorial of the reign of Czar Alexander II.

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ander II.

Mr. Cox, M. P., who is in prison at Limerick, put on the jail dress without protest, and immediately set to work chopping wood and doing the labors of an ordinary prisoner. He was in a cheerful mood to-day.

In a speech at Manchester this evening Lord Mandeville said he was convinced in the last three years of his government of Ireland that a radical change was necessary. Gladstone's position was the result of natural development, but his was a distinct conversion.

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The trial of the alleged dynamiters, Callan and Harkins, was continued to day. The proceedings are slow and uninteresting. More policemen repeated teatimony which they had given at the preliminary hearings. Mr. Nolan, Irish member of parliament, was called as a witness, and admitted that he gave passes to the house of commons to two men whom he did not know. He could not identify the prisoners as the men. At a meeting of the corporation on the Central Hall municipal buildings to-day the freedom of the city was conferred upon the Marquis of Ripon and Mr. John Morley. Ex. Lord Mayor Sullivan occupied the chair, and many members of parliament, mayors, and members of various city corporations ware present.

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The tenantry on the estate of the Countess of Lingston have expressed themselves satisfic with the terms offered by the land-lofd, who agrees to allow a 20 per cent, reduction in rents, to pay all costs, and to reinstate the tenants who have been evicted.

Five fashionably dressed men were arraigned in the Marylebone police court to-day and charged with attempting to obtain £30,000 from the Bank of England upon forged or stolen bonds of the Hamilton and Northwestern railroad of Canada. There was one other man in the gang whom the police failed to secure. They also failed to capture the bonds. One of the prisoners had posed as Lord Fairfax and had lived in style at the Grand Hotel in Paris. All five were remanded.

BISMARCK'S SPEECH. BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Prince Bismarck's appearance in the reichsteg has been post-poned until Saturday, when the debate on the military bill will take place. There is much interest manifested in what the chan-cellor may have to say concerning the foreign situation. foreign situation.

From St. Petersburg comes pacific assurance of the conference of the provincial

governors.

The presence of so many officials and military chiefs in St. Petersburg is not due to political reasons, but is merely the usual courtesy paid to the czar during the court balls. This conflicts with the statement that a special commission would be appointed to examine the supplies of the irroops in the field.

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TARIS, Feb. 2.—The members of the Right will interpollate the government rela-tive to its action toward the persons impli-cated in the decorations scandals. Frime Mini-ter Tirard objects to the scheme of the budget committee regarding the alcoholic liquor tax.

INDEMNITY TO BE REPAID. China Will Add Something to the Big

Treasury Surplus. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The ateamer Belgic, which arrived to-day, brings Hong Kong advices to Jan. 3 and Yokohama advices to Jan. 17. The Chinese native vices to Jan. 17. The Chinese native paper announces that the Chinese government had resolved to pay back to the United States a large sum of money as unclaimed balances of the Wyoming indemnity, and hints that the United States might imitate the example by refunding to China the balance of unclaimed indemnity paid to the United States thirty years ago.

The city of Noiyen, north of Ningpo, which was submerged about one thousand years ago, has recently been partly expossed to view, and a number of vases, plates, and other utensils of the Sough dynasty have been recovered by the natives.

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No Democrat Found Qualified. TRENTOS, N. J., Feb. 2,-The Democratic board of education has elected Col. Chas. W. Fuller, a Republican, superintendent of public instruction

Maintain the Sugar Tariff. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The chamber of commerce to-day adopted resolutions declar-ing that the tariff on sugar should be main-tained.

GEN. SHERIDAN IN BOSTON. A Great Reception in the Cradle of Liberty.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 2 .- Gen. Sheridan and the members of his staff, after break fast at the Hotel Vendome this morning with Gen. Griffin and other officers of the Loyal Legion, were driven to the cyclorama

with Gen. Griffin and other officers of the Loyal Legion, were driven to the cyclorama of Bunker Hill, where a half hour wasapent in an examination of the oil paintings. The general and party, on the invitation of Judge Devins, then met the members of the supreme court. On the arrival of Gen. Sheridan the full bench suspended business, and received the general in the lobby.

After leaving the court house, the city hall was the objective point. A large crowd had collected, and as the general appeared he was greeted with cheers, which were taken up by a double line of spectators between the outer gates and entrance to the building. The stairways leading to the mayor's office were thronged with people, who applauded the visitor as he entered. Mayor O'Brien received them. During the fifteen maintes that the general remained in the room nearly all the members of the council and heads of departments were presented to him. At 12 o'clock the party withdrew, and with Mayor O'Brien went to Fanueil Hall, where a public reception was held.

At Fanueil Hall, while the band played "Hall to the Chief," enthusiastic cheers greeted the advent of Gen. Sheridan. A dense throng filled the building. There was in the enthusiasm a reminder of the excitement with which the first recitation of "Sheridan's Ride" was received when heard from the platform where he stood.

Accompanied by members of his staff, Mayor O'Brien, and city officials, he took a place in the center, bowing his acknowledgements to those in front, and then began the arduous work of handshaking.

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THE MERCHANTS' BANQUET. Addresses by Several Congressmen a

the Baltimore Annual.

Baltimons, Feb. 2.—The annual ban-uent of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association took place at the Hotel Rennert to-night, and was attended by representative business ment of the number of 200. The dining half was beautifully and elaborately decorated in honor of the invited guests. Mr. Gasmon H. Hunt, president of the association, presided. The more important guests were Senator Butler, of South Carolins: Gray, of Delaware; Vance, of North Carolina; Daniel, of Virginis, and Wilson, of Maryland; Comptroller of the Treasury W. L. Trenholm, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hugh S. Thompson. The members of Congress present were Brackinridge, of Kentucky; Butterworth, of Ohio; Hooker, of Mississippi; Dibble, of South Carolina, and Rusk, of Maryland, as well as Hon. E. E. Jackson, governor of the state.

When the menu had been discussed President Hunt briefly stated the objects of the association, and Mayor Latrobe welcomed the invited guests in a few words. Senator John W. Daniel responded to the toast, "Our country," and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Thompson to "Our trade with South Carolina." The latter strongly advocated the catablishment of a steamship line between Baltimore and Charleston and stated that largely through the actions of President Cleveland race questions and sectional lines had been obliterated, but Hon. Ben. Butterworth sounded the keynote of succeeding speeches when he responded to the toast, "Commercial Union with Canada." His speech was an argument favoring commercial union with Canada." Comptroller of the Treasury Trenholm, Senator Gormna, Hon. Samuel Dibble, Hon. Z. B. Vance, Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge, and Hon. Chas. E. Hooker all forsook the text of the toasts to which they responded to attack Mr. Butterworth's arguments, and the speech of Senator Vance was particularly pertinent. facturers' Association took place at the Hotel Rennert to-night, and was attended by

WASHINGTONIANS INTERESTED Local Interest in the Famous Phila

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Cordelia J. tendricks was to day arraigned on a charge of obtaining \$3,500 from Joseph E. Van Meter by false pretenses. The complainant estified that he gave Mrs. Hendricks \$1,000 some four years ago on her representation of having \$500,000 worth of government bonds. In 1886 she got more money on the same representations, only stating that the bonds now amounted to \$700,000. She also said that she had \$50,000 in Washington. said that she had \$50,000 in Washington. She had promised to pay him \$30,000 for the \$5,500 loaned. When asked how she could pay so much for so little she said she was engaged in a scheme which she could not disclose, as, if she did, the people of Washington would not like it, and would cut loose from her. Friendship alone impelled her to give him an opportunity to make so much money.

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Counsel for Van Meter said he would show that the late Secretary Manning's signature on the bonds which Mrs. Hendricks had was not genuine, and that the woman was undoubtedly in league with some person or persons in Washington. He then asked for a continuance, in order that they might get their witnesses here. This was granted, and Mrs. Hendricks was released on her own recognizance for a further hearing on Feb. 16.

Richmond's New Rallway Opened. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 2.—The Union Pass ger railway, which has its ramification brough many of the principal streets of Rich through many of the principal streets of alcan-mond, and on which the ears are propelled by electric motive power, was formally opened to the public to-day. With insignificant inter-ruptions the cars was successfully run to and fro over the line for a distance of seven miles. They were crowded with passengers all day.

Spain is Pleased. New York, Feb. 2.—The Spanish delegate i the United States has received from the presi-dent of the Spanish International exhibition a

letter expressive of great pleasure that a United States delegate had been appointed for the ex-position. It also states that United States ex-hibitors are applying liberally for space. Philadelphia Finances. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—The annual report of the city controller shows receipts for 1887 have been \$1,758,425.71, and expenditures, \$1,763,830.45, an excess of \$54,948.34 over re-celpts. The cash balance in the treasury is \$2,766,764.58, against which are obligations of \$2,501,566.24, leaving a surplus of \$255,137.34.

Protest Against Unscating White, FORT WAYNE, IND., Feb. 2.—The Republican of the twelfth congressional district assemble in convention at Auburn to-day and passed a resolution unanimously protesting vicerously against the unscatting of Capt. James B. White, their member of Congress.

Virginia Tobacco Sales.

DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 2.—The amount of leaf obacco sold from the warchouses in January was 2,700,600. For four months (the tobaco year) the sales were 10,700,000 pounds, a against 5,500,000 for the same time last year.

Hofmann May Play. New York, Feb. 2,—On the hearing of the application to prevent Josef Hofmann giving plano recitals, Mayor Hewlit to day decided to allow him to give two concerts a week.

Killed While Sleigh Riding. LOCK HAVEN, PA., Feb. 2.—Wm. Hahn, of Crestline, Obio, who is visiting here, was thrown from a sleigh in a runaway accident last evening and instantly cilled.

A Seal in New York Harbor TOMPEINSVILLE, S. I., Feb. 2.—Capt. Julius Meyer yesterday shot a large seal which was floating on a cake of ice, but it rolled from the ice, and was not secured. DINING THE JUSTICES.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S STATE DIN-NER IN THEIR HONOR.

Who Were the Guests of the White House - Beautiful Decorations of Flowers and Plants-Many Other Social Events of Interest.

given to the justices of the Supreme Court and their wives was one of the most enjoyable ever held at the white house. The corridors, east room, and reception parlors were tastefully and beautifully dressed with flowers and palms—in even more than usual profusion. Tall tropical plants, mingled with white and pink azallas, completely hid the windows from view and formed fragrant banks in each corner and niche of the immense salcon, whose pillars were ornamented with shields of the same blossoms and twined with smillax, as were also the large crystal chandeliers and the crescent-shaped transom over the double doors leading into the inner corridor. The mantels were densely banked with a variety of bright blossoms and ferns, and in the blue room beyond the same order of decoration prevailed, the plush and gold divan in the center of the spartment being surmounted with a tail pyramid of hyacinths, roses, and lilles. In the state dining hall the table was decorated with its usual long mirror lake, upon the center of which rested a beautiful floral cance of pink and white carnations, and on either end huge gold candalabra with candles covered with thy pink shades, between which were golden spergnes holding fruits, the whole bordered with smilax entwined with roses, lilles, hyacinths, and japonicas. Flanking this at either end were the scales of justice in pinks, with the supports of red azalias, the claws being twined with a single strand of smilax, mounted upon a green and flowing stand. Beyond these, at the head and foot of the board, were beds of crimson tulips supporting titled umbrellas of lilles of the valley, and, scattered in between, were dishes of fancy cakes, confections, and bon bons. At each place was a gilt edged card bearing the name of the guest and two cut glass goblets with six wine glasses, the bouquets being of La France and Papa Goutler roses. The windows, mantel, and buffet were profusely decorated with fragrant blooms, and the air was sweet with the fragrance of innumerable blossoms. At 9 o'clock precisely the Marine band announced the approach of the Chief Magistrate, who decended the stairs escorting the wife of Justice Miller, followed by the Chief Justice and Mrs. Cleveland.

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At 11 o'clock an elaborate repast of terrapin, salads, charlotte, cakes, fancy fees, and champagne were served in the library across the hall, both parlor and dining room being open for the reception of the guesse, whose number was sufficiently limited to avoid crowding. Never has a more cultivated or distinguished company been gathered together in any private house, among whom were Mrs. Barrow, "Aunt Fanny," of literary fame; Hon. Horatio King and wife, father of Mrs. Cole; Judge and Mrs. MacArthur, Mrs. Pinson, Mrs. Senator Sabin, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Gen. Stuart, Mrs. flooker, Mrs. and Miss Kelly, Gen. and Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Col. Frank Jones, Judge Embry, the Count Alvensleben, the Marquis Chambrun, Dr. Taylor, of New York; Miss Washburne, Mr. Schaus, of the well known Fifth Avenue Art Gallery. Dr. Ernest King, Miss Arthur, Dr. McMillan, Mr. Conger, Miss Brown, Miss Anna Wilson.

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Mrs. Dolph held a most enjoyable reception on Thursday, and her genial hospitality was fully appreciated by a large circle of friends. Mrs. and Miss Fall and Mrs. Nixon assisted, while Miss Odeneal poured tea at the large table in the dining room. Mrs. Dolph wore a superb gown of white cut velvet, which strikingly became her Spanish type of beauty.

Mrs. Senator Sabin held a large and pleasant reception yesterday, assisted by Miss Murphy, Miss Carter, of New York, who is the guest of Mrs. A. A. Cole; Miss McDonald, and Miss Hurd. Mrs. Sabin's tollet was a most becoming and beautiful one of white faille trimmed with gold lace.

The last reception of this season by Mrs. Senator Bowen occurred yesterday and was very largely attended. Mrs. Bowen received her guests in her private pariors at the Riggs House, attired in a Titian red train drose, with plush and lace trimmings. Her many friends are very sorry to learn of her intention to cease holding her very pleasant receptions.

Mrs. Butterworth and Miss Butterworth will receive at their home in Le Droit Park on Friday.

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Stevens, No. 1330 Massachusetts avenue,
will not receive to day, but will on the Friny following, Teb. 10. Mrs. A. L. Barber and her mother, Mrs. Langdon, will be assisted this afternoon at their home, Belmont, by Mesdames W. W. Dudley, Henry C. Gannett, E. C. Dean, Joseph Paul, Charles C. Hendley, B. H. Warner, and the Misses Phillips, Emma J. Wilson, Clara Harrison, and Sara A. Brad-ley.

ley.

Mrs. George B. Loring gave a luncheon party yesterday to Mrs. Blatchford, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Tiffany, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Theodore King, Mrs. B. H. Warder, Mrs. N. S. Lhcoln, Mrs. John Chew, Mrs. S. L. Barlow (of New York), Mrs. Hitt, and Mrs. Hunt.

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Mrs. Grant gives a cotillion party to young people to-night in honor of her daughter, Miss Adele Grant, and her guest, Miss Paget, daughter of Lord Alfred Paget, of London. Mrs. Lamont held another of her pleas

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Willard, who kindly consented to sing for
the gratification of those present, and
selected the beautiful itulaby, "Hush, My
Baby," with which to charm her hearers.
She wore an exquisitely fitting gown of
black satin and jet, which highly became
her delicate type of beauty. Ars. Lamont's dress was a stylish walking costume
of soft ateel gray, combined with silk. Miss
Mary Wilson also assisted in receiving.
Mrs. Lamont will give a tes on Monday
in honor of her guest, Miss. Warner, who is
expected this week. The invitations are
confined exclusively to unmarried ladies,

as her list of acquaintances is so large that all could not be accommodated.

Mrs. Channing Mann was at home to callers yesterday, assisted by her guest, Miss Holdine, and Miss Windsor, who has been the guest of the Misses Markoe for the past fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stockton are at present the guests of Mrs. Thomas Riggs. The period of their stay is indefinite, as so many pleasant entertainments have been planned in their honor that they are loth to leave our hospitable city.

Mrs. John C. Black will receive to-day assisted by Mrs. W. B. Putoam, Mrs. Dagmar Thomas, and Miss Pool.

Capt. George E. Jemon and Mrs. W. F. Tucker gave a theater party at the National Theater to Judge and Mrs. Scribner, of New York, and Miss Kelly and guests, of Chicago. The party occupied the manager's and adjoining box, and consisted of Judge and Mrs. Scribner, of New York; Miss Kelly, Miss Seeberger, Miss Fowler, of Chicago; Miss Beulah Fox, Gen. Baird, Maj. Farnsworth, Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth, Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend, U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend. U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend. U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend. U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend. U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend. U. S. A., and Maj. Transworth. Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Townsend. U. S. A., and Maj. Tr

CARPET WOOL IMPORTATIONS A Denial That the Material is Used

for Other Purposes. James Dobson, the extensive manufac-turer, has published an important statement denying the charge of American wool growers that the vast importations of third class (carpet) wool is diverted to other purposes. Mi. Dobson says:

The published statements that half of the wools imported for carpets ostensibly are used for other than earpet purposes are untrue and misleading. The error is demonstrated by the following: The importation of carpet wools for the last fiscal year. In round numbers, amounted to \$3,000,000 pounds. The Smith Carpet Company, of Yonkers, use about 9,900,000 pounds per sunum; the Lowell Carpet Company, 6,500,000; Sandford & Soos, 5,000,000 por year; John and James Dobson, 6,000,000; E. Higgins & Co., 6,000,000; the Higglow Company, 4,500,000; Sandford & Soos, 5,000,000 per year; John and James Dobson, 6,000,000; E. Higgins & Co., 6,000,000; the Higglow Company, 4,500,000; the Roxbury Company, 4,500,000; the Roxbury Company, 4,500,000; the Soldes these there are running in the city of Philadelphia 1-2-day 2,700 lograin carpet power looms which, with an average production of 30 yards each per day, will produce \$1,000 yards per qar, with 800 working days in the year, make 21,500,000 yards of lograin carpet power looms which, with an average production of 30 yards each per day, will produce \$1,000 yards per day, with 800 working days in the year, make 21,500,000 yards of lograin carpet in Philadelphia. To produce the latter if made from pure wool, estimating the carpets to weigh, when finished, one and one-fourth prunds per yard, would require 72,000,000 pounds of wool per year, but as their goods are produced from other than pure wool, say 20,900 pounds of wool per year, but as their goods are produced from other than pure wool, say 20,000 pounds as the residue of wool that enters into Philadelphia ingrains alone, and with the amount mentioned before (48,000,000 pounds of other substitutes for wool, if leaves 27,000,000 pounds as the residue of wool that enters into Philadelphia consuming capacity of carpet works of 75,000,000 pounds that was imported in the last isoal year, leaves \$0,000,000 pounds of this, probably, have gone into other manufa third class (carpet) wool is diverted to other purposes. Ms. Dobson says:

WOMAN SUFFRAGE. Preparing for the Meeting of the Na-

tional Council. The District Woman's Suffrage Association met last evening in the parlors of the Riggs House, Mrs. S. Snow, president; Mrs. H. B. Sperrey, secretary, and M. M. D. Loekwood, treasurer. Miss Susan B. Anthony was the speaker of the evening.

Anthony was the speaker of the evening. She entertained her large audience with a recital of her work of organization in the states during the summer months, giving the national association more permanency and greater facility in its work.

The arrest of Mrs. Minor, of Missouri, and herself for voting, her own fine, yet unpaid, was jocosely referred to in a manner which convulsed the audience with laughter. The coming "council of women" is Albaugh's Opera House in March was discussed, the preliminary arrangements being in care of the District Association.

A large number of names were added to the membership, when an adjournment resolved the company into a most enjoyable sociable. seciable.

Gen. Ordway, commanding the District mi-litis, was before the Senate committee on military affairs yesterday. He explained the vari-ous sections of the bill, and dwelt upon the necessity for a complete militia organization. The committee is said to be perfectly satisfied

with the measure.

Ninety-eight male and forty-six female attendants at the government hospital for the insane have petitioned Congress, through Representative Compton, for more pay and shorter hours. In their memorial they say that the number of men employed, the hours of labor, and the amount of pay is left to the grinding discretion of the board of visitors and the superintendent.

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Senator Edmunds yesterday (by request) in-troduced a bill to increase the powers of the capital stock of the Galimbia Title Insurance Company, of this offy. The bill gives the company all the powers and functions of a trust company in addition to and connection with its present business.

The House District committee has decided to report favorably the bill to incorporate the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Com-pany. An adverse report will be made in the House on the bill to grant to the Great Falls Electric and Power Company the privilege of utilizing Potomac water power. Among the confirmations of revenue marine officers yesterday were the following: O. S. Willey, of the District of Columbia, to be first lieutenant; G. E. McConnell, of the District of Columbia, to be first lleutenant; O. N. Turner, of the District of Columbia, to be second assist-ant engineer.

Hope and Help Mission. The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union formally opened and dedicated their new building to be used for the Hope and Help Mission at 305 Missouri avenue, yesterday at 2p, m. The large and pleasant parlors were rerowded with the ladies and their friends, and many valuable donations were received, including china, bedding, provisions, and several donations of money. The decorations of cut flowers sent by John H. Smail & Sons and Deitrich Brothers were a great attraction to the rooms. The exercises were singing and prayer, a Bible reading by Mrs. Benjamin B. Catlin, an address by Mrs. Wm. Burris on the origin and objects of the mission, and a report on the "home life" of the mission by Mrs. H. K. Perley. Mrs. Hattie Cunningham spoke most cloquently on personal consecration to the work, and Mrs. Dr. Newman made the dedicatory prayer. The object is to save fallen women, and several have been converted the past year. Help Mission at 305 Missourt avenue, yesterday

Death of William E. Spalding. William E. Spalding, who was formerly of the firm of Spalding & Rapley, proprietors of the National Theater, died at 1:25 o'clock this morning. Mr. Spalding was one of the most widely known and highly respected business men of the city. He was in the 65th year of his age.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Speaker Carlisie was at the Capitol yester-day looking very much better. He will operate the House gavel to-day. Senator Spooner, from the committee on claims, reported favorably on the proposition o relimburse Maj. Bash, the army paymaster who was robbed of \$7,250, and whose accounts were held up for that amount.

Senator Cullom yesterday introduced a bil which provides that any officer on the active list of the army who has served twenty-one rearround to the pay of the next higher grade, so long as ne remains in active service without promotion; or shall, on his own application be retired with the full rank and retired pay of the next higher grade.

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A circular bundle of papers a foot or more in diameter lay on the clerk's desk in the Senate venterday morning. It proved to be a memorial from Pennsylvania memorialists asking that the inimigration laws be amended so as to dobar criminals, pappers, and persons undecontract from coming to the United States, and that the naturalization law be so changed as trequire twenty-one years of residence as a prerquisite to eligibility to any office of trust or profit under the general government.

JAMES B. WHITE,

The Indiana Congressman Whose Naturalization is Questioned.

James B. White, member of the House of depresentatives, is the subject of a party battle of which the dimensions grow as the deciate time approaches at which he eith ir will be declared ineligible for Congress or the seat to which he was elected will be made sure for him.



The gentleman thus placed on the anxious seat is a resident of Fort Wayne, Ind., and was elected by the twelfth district of that state. He was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in June, 1835, and received his education in that land of good schools. In 1854, Mr. White came to this country. He worked as a calico printer and tailor until the breaking out of the war, when he sold his business and cullsted in the Union army as a private in the 18th Indiana volunters. He was elected captain of his company, and did good service for his adopted country. At the battle of Shiloh he was wounded, but was able to resume fighting after a period of rest necessitated by his injury. He was honorably mustered out of military service at the closs of the war, after taking part in some of its most important operations. Mr. White is now a manufacturer of carriage wheels. He was elected a member of the common council of the city of Fort Wayne in the year of 1874, nine years after the date when, as his friends allege, he received a certificate of roll naturalization. In the election to the fiftieth Congress Mr. White received nearly twenty-five hundred more votes than Mr. Lowry.

DEATH OF FRANCIS MILLER.

DEATH OF FRANCIS MILLER, Cancer of the Stomach Does Its Work

of Destruction. Mr. Francis Miller, a well known and bighly esteemed member of the District bar, died at his bome, near Sandy Spring, Montgomery county, Md., at an early hou yesterday morning of cancer of the stomach. aged 59 years. His death was a surprise to many of his friends, as it was not known that his condition was so serious, and uni-versal regret was expressed at his demise

versal regret was expressed at his demise. When his death was announced at the court house the different courts at once adjourned out of respect to his memory. The members of the District Bar Association, and of the bar generally, have been called to meet in the old circuit court room to-dayat 2:30 o'clock to take action on his death and to make preparations for attending his funeral, which will take place from his residence Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Miller was born in Alexandria, Va., in 1830, and attended in his boyhood the celebrated Hellowell Academy in that city, under the late Barjamin Hallowell, whose daughter, Caroline, he subsequently married After sand Mr. Miller attended Yale College, where he graduated some years before it war. A few very itterward he removed to the Quellander of Sandy Spring, Montana a boys' school. Before leaving Alexandria he became an ardent Republican, taking strong grounds sgairst slavery, and when he settled in Maryland he at once identified himself with Maryland he at once identified himself w the party in that state, then a mere handful. This party he represented as one of the delegates to the Chicago convention of 1860, which nominated Mr. Lincoln for the

residency. About the close of the war Mr. Miller About the close of the war Mr. Miller came to this city, studied law in the office of Mr. A. G. Riddle, and was admitted to the bar two years afterward. By zeal in his work he won the approval of all with whom he came in contact, and with the firms of Riddle, Milton & Padgett, and Miller & Forrest, has continued in active practice at the District bar. He took an active part in the political campaigns in Maryland, and was twice honored with a nomination on the Republican state ticket. In 1887 he was the candidate for the attorney generalship of the state, but, with his ticket, he was defeated. It was in this campaign that Mr. Miller's health began to fall, and, being out of reach of his regular medical attendant, Dr. Magruder, his disease could not be treated successfully. After the campaign he placed himself under a specialist in New York and was treated for dyspergia, but returned without having received much benefit. For several weeks past he had been confined to his house, at Stanmore, and gradually wasted away.

An Artistic Theft. One of the most daring though trivial thefts was accomplished yesterday afternoon on a trowded thoroughfare in broad daylight. A sity had just come out of Bell's photograph lady had just come out of Bell's photographic establishment, on Pennsylvania avenue, and stepped outside of the door to look at her purchase (which was a souvenir made of eablier photographs of the President and Mrs. Cleveland, hinged with ribbon) when a young colored and manatched it out of her hand and vanished her, and before she recovered herself sufficiently to make up outcry the man was lost in the crowd. The lady re-entered the store and purchased a duplicate souvenir, remarking that she admired the thief's artistic inste, but objected to his cuilivating it at her expense.

There was a large attendance of members of the Columbia Athletic Club last night at their dub house on Fourteenth street. Lieut, Bradone house on Fourteenth street. Lieut, Brau bury, of the U.S. N., gave a delighthitiy intensing and informat talk on the subject of "Navai Ordnance." A number of question were asked by members and answered by the ceturer, who succoeded in making the organism a most pleasant and prolitable one.

Against American Pork. United States Consul Kifwing, at Stockholm, has informed the State Department that the wedish government has declared against the importation of pork from the United State inless it is well salted. The consulsays ha the order is founded on a report that a ho pestilence is raging in the United States.

CONGRESSIONAL SKETCHES.

Premier Mills told a reporter yesterday the se newspaper men knew more about the tar-ill than he did. It would not be very cam-pentary to their intelligence if they did not. Since Mr. Rayner's speech on the Reading investigation, the "pressgallery" opinion has changed considerably, and several corre-pondents now look on the parting of his nair in the middle as the eccentricity of a state man rather than the mashing device of a dide.

A friend of Representative Hitt said last sight that that gentleman was not disturbed evause Bonnis Kearney threatened him. The sand-lot orator, he added, while con-tinue to commit unprovoked assaults upon he memory of Lindley Murray, but there his folence ceases.

Those representatives who went over to the Senate yesterday to hear Senator Kenna crush Senator Bherman returned to the other end of the capitol without congratulating the West Virginian on his success. They evidently thought he might believe them insincers if they did—and he probably would.

THE DISORDER LY CROWD.

WHAT RESPECTABLE COLORED CITIZENS CALL THE WILLARD HALL MEETING.

The National Committee Should Pronounce It Illegal and Irregular-A Motley Gathering Divided Into Factions - Enemies of Negro Suffrage Could Not Strike a Worse Blow.

The announcement that a meeting would be held by the representative element of the colored citizens of the District at the Fourth Bantist Colored Church, near the corner of Twelfth and R streets, to protest against the so-called Willard Hall convention, was the means of crowding that edifice last wight. The assembly comprised women as well as men, and there were also a large number of white men and women present. The majority of those in the church were exceedingly well dressed and very intelligent looking. It was apparent, however, at the time of the opening of the meeting that the two factions at the Willard Hall gathering were on hand in force. Mr. W. C. Chase and his friends sat in the west side, and Col. Carson's adherents filled up the pews on the east side herents filled up the pews on the east side of the church. The colonel was not present in person, but his friend and adjutant, Marcelius West, was there to represent him, as also Maj. Cox. Mr. Milton Holland was among those gathered around Mr. Chase. Hon. Fred Douglass sat near the pulpit. Shortly after 7:30 o'clock Mr. Lawis H. Douglass rapped the meeting to order, and in a few words stated the object of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Bundy invoked divine blessing on all present, and in his prayer implored the Lord to put it into the hearts of all to keep order.

The election of a chairman resulted in the choice of Rev. C. H. Parker. The other officers elected were J. W. Cromwell secretary; Revs. R. Johnson, G. W. Lee, and Henry Bailey, Dr. A. T. Augusta, W. H. A. Womney, and albert McIntosh, vice presidents.

Chairman Parker on taking his seat counseled good order and trusted that everything would be done in the interest of harmony.

Mr. W. C. Chase 1000.

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Mr. W. C. Chase rose to inquire if the meeting was a public or private one. He wanted the information so that he could guide himself.

The statement led to members jumping up and raising points of order. Mr. Chase held the floor and in repeated demands wanted his inquiry answered. He was cut short by a resolution offered by Mr. G. W. Stewart asking that a committee on resolutions be appointed to frame suitable resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting. This was adopted, and Hoo. Fred Douglass, Dr. A. T. Augusta, John W. Cromwell, C. S. Morris, and T. W. Chase were appointed.

While the committee were preparing to retire to a side room the factions were conferring as to what they should do.

"Now, gentlemen;" said Chairman Parker, "the committee has retired and let us like orderly citizens do what is before us in a quiet manner."

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inquiry in respect to the object of the This was a signal for the factions to enter upon their work of attempting to break up the meeting.

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Rev. Robert Johnson stepped upon the platform, and Rev. Mr. Parker surrendered his places to the vice president, who rapped for order. "Now, gentlemen," said he, with a determined voice, "let us act as intelligent men. There is to be order here, and let it be understood that we are gentlemen, and look upon you as such. Should you disappoint us you will be quietly put out. I should have been here earlier, but i had to do a very important duty, and that was to marry two couples."

Mr. Holland got the floor and desired to be informed if the meeting was in the interest of one man or a public one. Mr. Chase arose and asked again if it was a public meeting. Both men tried to hold the floor, while a murmur of disapproval was heard all around. Several voices were heard exclaiming, "Put them out! Put them out!" Chairman Johnson called order, and while doing so a colored man on the Carson side became very excited and persisted in having himself heard.

"If you don't come to order you will be put out," said the chair.

"You can't do it," was the reply.

"Put him out," exclaimed several voices.

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unceremonious manner. Reaching the street he wanted to fight, but the advice of Police Sergeant Shilling cooled him off very quickly.

This summary ejection of an obstruction-ist quieted the disturbing element, and This summary ejection of an obstruction st quieted the disturbing element, and peace was restored.

During the excitement that had prevailed the committee returned with the resolutions. Several men were on their feet, all demanding to be heard.

"Let us hear the resolutions," said Lawyer Hewlett.

"Resolutions! Resolutions!" was the exclamation.

"As soon as order is obtained," said the chair, and his determined manner soon ef-fected it. Secretary Cromwell then read the following resolutions, during which frequent ap-plause was given the sentiment expressed

Whereas a convention, mainly composed of colored citizens, was held in Whiard Hall, Washington, D. C., Tuesday, the 24th of January, 1885, for the ostensible purpose of electing delegates to represent the Republican party of the District of Columbia in the National Republican Convention, which is to meet in the city of Chicago, on the 19th of June, 1885; and Whereas the said National Republican Convention will be charged with the duty of adopting a National Exepublican platform of principles and nominating a candidate for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States, to be supported by the people in November next; and Whereas the votes of the two delegates from the District of Columbia, if seated in that convention, will be equal to those of any other two delegates in determining the character of the platform and of the candidates of the national Republican party, and also the destiny of this republic during the four years succeeding the present presidential term; and Whereas the power to elect delegates to occupy seats in the National Republican Convention, and thus to be associated with the ablest and most distinguished men of the nation, is a high and valued political privileges and should be exercised with a due sense of its dignity and inportance, undegraded by the fact or suspicion of fraud, corruption, or intimidation and

Whereas the colored citizens of the District of Columbia, by reason of their excellent public schools, their numerous churches, their able ministers, their colleges, presses, literary soleties, and educated men, have especial advantages for acquiring fitness to exercise the right of suffrage and ability to participate in public sitairs; and.

Whereas if anywhere in the United States the constitutional demand for a fair vote and an honest count, should be respected and complied with, it is here in the District of Columbia, the capital of the nation, in sight of the President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court of the Republic and

Whereas for the above reasons, they are decimed and taken as the standard of the highest degree of sobriety, intolligence, and dignity of the colored people of the whole country and

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at Willard Hall was in ho just seuse a convention of duly-elected and ascertained delegates, but a moley crowd divided into two factions, without due form or regularity of proceeding, presided over by two chairmen, each denying the right of the other, and each denouncing the other as a usurper, and thus neutralizing each other's action and
Whereas one of those factions conningly took possession of Willard Hall, and issued tickets of admission only to those of its own number, friends to one set of candidates, while the opposite faction was compelled. In order to gain admission, with violent physical force to break open, the doors of the hall, and thus did capture the platform and place upon it the president; and
Whereas the vote for delegates to the National Convention was taken in the midst of the utmost confusion and in a manner to exclude the semblance of fathess and was aimply a

ansp judgment, each chatrman declaring the decrates of his faction to be elected, withbut once allowing a chance either for discussion or dissent, and whereas if the enemies of negro sufrage in the District of Columbia and in the southern states could have planned and directed the whole proceedings of the Willard Hall convention for the express purpose of degrading the negro in the eyes of the mation, disgussing the country with negro sufrage, and justifying the fraud and intimidation by which colored citizons are deprived of the elective franchise in the south, they could have arranged no spectacle better calculated to accomplish these results than that presented in the Willard Hall convention on the 2th of January, 1885.

For these reasons and others be if Recofred, That in the judgment of this meeting the so-called convention at Willard Hall, held on the 2th of January, 1885, was in no sense a fit or fair representation of the intelligence, sobriety, and good order of a large majority of the citizens of the District of Columbia, and that in our own behalf, and in that of our colored fellow citizens generally, we repudists the proceed lags of that convention, and ulterly refuse to be comprehended in them or to share their reprosch.

Resolvet, That it is both the right and the duty of any class of citizens, who may be subjected to unfounded and injurious imputations, and a man who, or a community which, has not the courage to defend his or its character against such imputations, proves his or its unfitness to defend any thing eige.

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When the reading was finished there seemed to be an objectionable feeling prevailing among the Chase and Carson factions, as the expressions of the resolutions were taken to reflect upon them.

Mr. Chase started to make a speech against the resolutions. He failed to speak on the subject matter, and the chair called him to order. "I am in order," said Chase. "You are not, str," replied the chair. "I am speaking on the resolutions," answered Chase. "If you don't come to order I'll put you out," fired back the chairman. "Then put me out. All I want to say is that this is a meeting to express one man's grievance who falled to get to Chicago as a delegate"

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"Put him out," said several voices.
The followers of both factions had now become warmed up with much excitement, and several tried to get a chance to speak.
Marcellus West struggled hard by the vigorous use of his ear-splitting voice to claim attention. What he was saying could not be understood. His attack was directed at a white man named Parsons who had the floor, and who was repeatedly interfered with by various points of order. The assembly demanded that West be put out.
Chairman Johnson seemed to know how to meet such situations with promptness and eleverly settled West.
"Mr. West," said he, "I know that you are a good man. Piesse come up to the front and take a seat near me."
"What do I want to go front for?" asked West.
"Come up and take a place of honer."

The resolutions were then adopted; th only one voting in the negative was Mr

Chase, and this caused great laughter.

TESTING THEIR POWER. Frying to Have the Commissioner Issue a Liquor License.

Mesars, W. D. Davidge and H. Wise Garnett, as attorneys, yesterday afternoon filed a suit in the name of the United States, ex rel. J. D. Manion, against the commissioners of the District for a mandamus to compel the issue of a retail liquor license to him. In his bill the complainant states that he has been in the grocery and liquor business for twenty years at 726 Seventh street southwest; that he has annually taken out a retail liquor license. out a retail liquor license, which said license expired Oct. 31, 1887; that on Oct. 18 last be filed an application for a renewal of such license, making his deposit, and has com-plied with every requirement of the law as to having a majority of property-bolders and house-holders. He states further that such license has been refused him, and a and house-holders. He states further that such license has been refused him, and a a letter appended shows that the refusal is based solely on a regulation make by the commissioners Oct. 18 last, providing that retail liquor licenses shall not be issued for grocery stores.

Alexandria Matters.

It is learned that Messrs. Kyler and Cutier, two northern capitalists, who recently pur-chased the farm of Dr. D. N. Rust, near this city, will in a few days start an apinry thereon.
These gentlemen expect to supply the north-ern market with honey.
Mrs. Drucilla Allen has been very sick for the past several days at her home on North Columbus street. he past several mays as he had been as the columbus street.

The Alexandria Musical Association will live their list grand concert this season at annou's Opera House this evening. Elabrate preparations have been made by the committee, and a first-class entertainment is artificiated. mitcipated.

Miss Kate Payne and niece, of Fauguter Sounty, is visiting the family of Mrs. W. H. Carlin, of this city.

The committee on charter and legislation of Mount Vernon Avenue Association will meet to day at 12 m at the real estate office of the Title and Trust Company, when, it is thought, that they will determine to go to Richmond in the interest of the charter.

An Illustrative Lecture. Mr. George E. Little, of this city, will give one of his inimitable "chalk talks" to-night at All Souls Church at 7:30. Mr. Little's reputs ion as a lecturer and an arist is rapidly be-coming national in its character, and he will joubties be liberally patronized by his fellow-citizens. The entire proceeds of the entertain-ment will be given to the free kindergarin-land, an additional reason for a large attend-

The friends of this gentleman will be please o learn that he is somewhat better. His noble to tearn that he a somewhat better, his modes wife it still with him, also Mrs. Lewis-Davis, of West Virginia, his daughter. For some days his friends have despaired of his life. Hon, John Ambier Smith, his son-in-law, says that Ir. disason now thinks the exsensior has a much better chance to recover.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia-Fair weather, slight changes in temperature, light variable winds shifting o easterly. Thermometer readings; 7 a. m., 26.0°; 5 p.

m., 85,9°; 10 p. m., 31,9°; mean temperature. 22,0°; maximum, 40,9°; minimum, 24,0°; mean relative humidity, 77,9°; total precipitation,

.00 tuches.

A YOUTHFUL INCENDIARY.

AN 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL INDICTABLE FOR MURDER.

She Makes Several Attempts to Burn the Bospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in New York-Detected and Compelled to Confess.

New Your, Feb. 2 .- An 11-year old girt to-day confessed that it was she who has made the several attempts recently to burn the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled-where the serious fire, in which Mary Donnelly lost her life, occurred Sunday evening. The young girl, May Wilson, is indictable for murder in the first degree. Once previous to Sunday night a futile attempt was made to fire the building, and on Tuesday two other trials to start a blaze were made by placing boxes of matches in a register. While Fire Marshal Sheldon was to-day investigating Sunday's fire another box of matches was found in the

asme register.

Prior to Tuesday's attempt the possible ignition of matches on the register was being discussed by the doctors. Among those present was May Wilson, whom Fire Marshal Sheldon ordered to be watched. This afternoon while the fire marshal was in the building the slarm was sounded, and in one of the linen drawers of the dining room a blaze was discovered. same register.

the building the alarm was sounded, and in one of the linen drawers of the dining room a blaze was discovered.

The scenes of Sunday night's panic were re-easeted in a minor degree. Many of the children ran to the street, others were carried out, and great excitement prevailed; but before the firemen arrived the blaze had been quenched. The servant girl who discovered the fire saw little May Wilson steal away from the room as she went in, and when her story was told it became apparent that the fire marshal's at first incredible suspicion was but too well founded. Summoning the child before him the official charged her with the crime. She denied it and persisted in her denial. But when the officer dilated upon the terriole punishment in store for incendiaries whose foul work caused another person's death she broke down and confessed. She admitted that she had made all the attempts to fire the building. Why, she did not know. The big fire she had started with some matches which she found in the doctor's room. She next tried the experiment of placing matches on the smoking register. This afternoon's blaze she kindled with more matches which she happened to find.

After the confesion had been takes down Dr. Gibney, one of the hospital physicians, examined the girl, and became convinced that she was suffering from pyromanis, and was not responsible for her remarkable actions. At his suggestion the girl was not placed under arrest, but was detained in the personal care of one of the doctors.

RUSH FOR OPERA SEATS. Exciting Scenes at the National Thea-

ter Box Office. There was a wonderful sale of opera seats at the New National Theater yesterday, the largest ever known for a National Opera season in this city. Between twenty and thirty messenger boys and others who had commissions for seats from prominent had commissions for sests from prominent opera patrons remained up all Wednesday night outside the theater to get the best places in the line yesterday morning. When the sale opened there were over 400 persons in line. The spacious vestibule of the theater was densely packed, and the line extended for over a block on the sidewalk. The sale continued without intermission until 5 o'clock, when it was temporarily closed, fifty or sixty people having to go away without seats. The sale was reopened at \$300 o'clock, when another long line of ticket purchasers was at the box office. The sale amounted to nearly \$7,000. The box office will be reopened at \$300 o'clock this morning, when there will be another long line of opera patrons in attendance. The sale of seats was very evenly distributed over the seven performances of the week, and the National Opera is likely to meet with a brilliant success in its engagement here. over a block on the sidewalk. The sale continued without intermission until 5 o'clock, when it was temporarily closed, fifty or sixty people having to go away without seats. The sale was reopened at \$30 o'clock, when another long line of the chair had its effect, and Mr. West took the profiered seat amid applause and remained silent for the evening. After much debate Mr. Holland, who had frequently made an effort to speak on behalf of Mr. Chase and his followers and their conduct at the Willard Hall convention, was given a chance to have his say. It was more of a personal attack on Mr. Fred. Douglass, with an occasional word in defense of the convention, rather than an argument of justification.

Mr. Fred. Douglass, when an opportunity presented, made a strong defense of himself, and it closing remarked "that it would be better for the convention at Chicago to have representatives of the schools and churches from the District than from the barrooms." He sat down amid great applause.

The resolutions were then adonted; the

The regular monthly meeting was held last evening, the president, Representative Crain, evening, the president. Representative Grain, in the chair, and Wm. J. O'Connell secretary. The rooms of the club were crowded with members. The president, immediately after calling the meeting to order, delivered an interesting address. In which he insisted that, in view of the character of its membership, its aims and the purposes of its organization, it should take and occupy a position of leadership in all movements for the amelioration of the condition of its kindred in the old land, and that to do so effectively the club should devote all its energies and consolidate all its forces. The club then proceeded to the transaction of routine business. The ball committee submitted a gratifying report of progress, presaging an issue of the undertaking more successful than that of last year, if that is possible, which some of the members think is heardly probable.

Condition of George Hudson. Condition of George Hudson, who was shot and seriously wounded by his brother Wednesday night, remains about the same, the police force are all on the watch for the assailant, but he has successfully cluded capture. The report of his having been seen oughth street southeast yesterday morning was false.

Flags for the Fair. At a meeting last evening of the executive ommittee in charge of the proposed fair and barar of the Grand Army, to be opened on Feb. 22, it was decided to adopt the propo-sition of the ladies' committee to decorate the hall with flags. Secretary Whitney has given the ladies the use of all the flags in the Navy Department for that purpose.

The Knights of Pythica Fair. Last evening was "ladies' night" at the fair and bazar of Nelson Division, K. of P., at the and bazar of Neison Division, 8, of F., at take E-street Riuk. The executive committee for the evening consisted of Mesdames Schneider and Sardo and Miss Baughton, and right well did they attend to their duties and handle the large crowd present. To-hight the Patrarchs Militant, 1, 0, 0, F., will be in attendance.

Prof. Haupt Lectures in Masonic Temple to day and to morrow at 19:90, 4:15, and 8, preliminary to his course opening next Monday. His success last season assures him a large attendance this, for his method is par excellence to acquire a practical use of German. All invited.

PERSONALITIES. SECRETARY ENDICOTE has returned from

Mas. Ella Mills is still visiting friends in this city. Hon, Sinos Wolf and wife have returned rom a long trip to the south. Mas, Belle Bucklin, of New York city, is a guest of Mrs. Braden at the National. HON. T. B. PARDER, keeper of the crown ands of Ontario, Canada, is at the Ebbitt.

JUDGE AND MES. COOLEY have been called home by a telegram announcing the sudden death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edgar A. Cooley, at Bay Sity, Mich. A LABOR excursion party from the vicinity f Pittsburg, Pa , arrived in the city yesterday, and are quartered at the down town notels. MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL H. ELLIS, of No. 642 G street southeast, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Clara E., to Harry

W. Pote, to be celebrated at the Fourth Street M. E. Church, Thursday evening, Feb. 16, at 8to'clock. MRS. DASNAS THOMAS, the Swedish bride of Hon. W. W. Thomas, jr., late United States minister to Sweden and Norway, is at the Ar-tington. She is a noble lady of the brilliant court of Oscar II, and has recently arrived in America on her wedding tour,